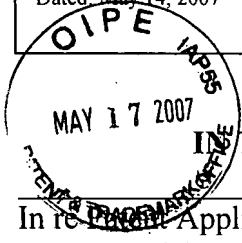


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 15, 2006, for which a response was due on March 15, 2007, and for which a two-month extension of time is requested to extend the deadline for response to May 15, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

There are no amendments to the specification or the drawings.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.